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APPLICANT:

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EXAMINER: P. BASKAR

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TITLE:

A METHOD FOR DETECTING THE CONDITION OF AN ORGANISM

THROUGH THE MEASUREMENT OF PEPTIDES

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

ATT: BOX FEE AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the First Office Action dated March 1, 2000, with the time for reply having been extended for two months, or until <u>AUGUST 1, 2000</u>, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification as follows:

Page 1, above line 1, please insert:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention--; and

between lines please insert:

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--2. The Prior Art--.